

Waste = anything and everything left over after you have finished eating, including items that can be composted, re-used or recycled.

GRADE 3 WASTE AUDIT

1. Gather as a group around your pile of garbage.
2. **Go through the items** in your pile and create a list of all the waste on the Waste Record Sheet under “item”.
3. **Discuss and record** which items can be {C} composted, {R} recycled or go to the landfill as garbage {G}.

Item	Where does it go?*
fruit snack bag	G
banana peel	C

4. **Discuss:** Are there any other options for the “recycled” {R} items?
Eg: could it have been given to someone else? Could it be reused in a meaningful/practical way?
5. **Sort** your waste into 3 separate piles at the front of the room: compostable, recyclable and garbage.
6. **Weigh** each pile and record the mass.
7. **Calculate and record** how much waste your group would collect in
 - one week
 - one year
8. **Discuss** with your group:
 - What type of material/item did you throw out the most?
Paper, plastic water bottles, plastic bags...?
 - Were there any surprises?
9. **Clean-up:** Dispose of each pile appropriately. If you don't have a compost yet, discuss solutions.

*R = recyclable, C = compostable, G = garbage/landfill, RU = reusable